Applicants—B. A. & B. Sc. Courses.

127. Mr. P. C. Varkey *(Ernakulam Town North).*—Will the Government be pleased to state the total number of applicants this year for each of the B. A. and B. Sc. courses?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—Please see the statement appended *(Appendix II.)*

Rule regarding admission—College classes.

128. Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan *(Mattancheri North).*—Will the Government be pleased to state their motive in adopting rule 6 in the matter of admission in the College classes?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—It is to afford some measure of special facility to those who have been serving them.

129. Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan *(Mattancheri North).*—Will the Government be pleased to state as to whether they strictly adhere to Rule 7 for admission in the College classes; if so, what is the principle underlying behind the rule?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—Yes. The principle is that people who are of the State and who pay taxes in the State should be afforded the amenities the State provides in preference to people who are not of the State.

School for the Blind—Kunnamkulam—particulars regarding.

130. Mr. K. T. Mathew *(Kunnamkulam).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) when was the school for the blind at Kunnamkulam opened;

(b) how many classes and divisions there are now in the school;

(c) how many teachers there are now in the school towards whose salary the Government are giving any grant;

(d) when was the grant towards the teachers' salary first granted;

(e) whether running a school for the blind is not more expensive than running an ordinary school;

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(f) whether the Government is giving any grant towards the purchase of school requisites which are to be obtained from England;

(g) whether the Government have any objection to meet a part of the expenses incurred in getting those school requisites which are not available in (I) the State or (II) India?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—(a) 1—1—1110.

(b) 2 classes consisting of 3 divisions (class I has a lower and upper division, class II has only one division.)

(c) Being a special school it is given a lump grant unlike (in the case of) other schools which are allowed grant in respect of each teacher employed in them.

(d) Vide answer to sub-division (c). The lump grant is being paid from 1—1—1110.

(e) Yes.

(f) No.

(g) It is not a question of objection, but one of funds.

Additional Teacher—School for the Blind—Kunnamkulam.

131. **Mr. K. T. Mathew** *(Kunnamkulam).*—Will the Government be pleased to mention:—

(a) whether the Manager of the Blind School at Kunnamkulam wrote to the Director of Public Instruction in his letter dated 14th June 1936, regarding additional teacher in the school; and if so,

(b) whether the request has been granted; and if so,

(c) whether any grant is being given by the Government towards the salary of the additional teacher; and if not,

(d) what is the reason given for not sanctioning the grant;

(e) when should Managers apply for the appointment of additional teachers so that grant towards salary may be sanctioned?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—(a) Yes.

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